2021-2027

Erasmus+ Programme
Inter-institutional agreement
Key Action 1
Mobility of higher education students and staff

between EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme and third countries not associated to the Programme

The institutions¹ named below agree to cooperate for the exchange of students and/or staff in the context of the Erasmus+ programme. This agreement is valid for the Erasmus+ call years 20[21]-20[27] in:

- KA131 Higher education mobility supported by internal policy funds
- KA171 Higher education mobility supported by external policy funds

The institutions commit to sound and transparent management of funds allocated to them through Erasmus+ and to respect the quality requirements of the Programme, outlined in the <u>Erasmus Charter for Higher Education</u>² and in this agreement.

The institutions agree on exchanging their mobility-related data according to the <u>principles of GDPR³</u> and in line with the technical standards of the <u>European Student Card Initiative</u>⁴, when this becomes available for international mobility involving third countries not associated to the Programme.

Sending institutions located in EU/EEA countries have to ensure compliance with the provisions of art. 46 GDPR for all participants' personal data exchanged in the context of their mobility with institutions from non-EU/EEA countries without an adequacy decision, on the condition that enforceable data subject rights and effective legal remedies for data subjects are available in the respective third country. The participants should be informed in a transparent manner about the level of protection of their personal data, if this is different from the one where the sending institution is located.

¹ Inter-institutional agreements can be bilateral or multilateral in the case of mobility consortia:

⁻ Bilateral agreements are for cooperation between one higher education institution located in an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme and another institution located in a third country not associated to the Programme

⁻ Multilateral agreements are for cooperation between a mobility consortium of higher education institutions located in one single EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme and another institution located in a third country not associated to the Programme.

 $^{^2\ \}underline{\text{https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/higher-education-charter}\ \ \underline{\text{en}}$

³ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/reform/rules-business-and-organisations/principles-gdpr_en

⁴ https://ec.europa.eu/education/education-in-the-eu/european-student-card-initiative en

1. Information about the higher education institutions

Name of the institution (and department where relevant)	Erasmus code or city ⁵	Contact details ⁶ (email, phone)	Websites
University of Ostrava Faculty of Science CZECHIA	CZ OSTRAVA02	Institutional Coordinator: Kamila Danihelková kamila.danihelkova@osu.cz Faculty Coordinator: Markéta Kopecká marketa.kopecka@osu.cz +420 553 46 2105 Departmental Coordinator: Lukáš Laš Lukas.las@osu.cz +420 553 46 2370	General: https://www.osu.eu/ Faculty/faculties: https://prf.osu.eu/ Course catalogue: https://prf.osu.eu/short-term-courses/
Ilia State University Georgia	E10208135	Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator, Head of International Relations Office (IRO): Salome Bilanishvili IRO@iliauni.edu.ge Erasmus+ administrative coordinator Maka Lortkipanidze maka lortkipanidze@iliauni.edu.ge +995322220009 (ext. 367)	General: https://iliauni.edu.ge/en/ Faculty/faculties: https://iliauni.edu.ge/en/iliauni/Academic Departments Course catalogue: https://iliauni.edu.ge/en/international/stu dy-options/exchange-programs/course- catalog

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⁵ Higher education institutions (HEIs) from EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme should indicate their Erasmus code; HEIs from third countries not associated to the Programme should mention the city where they are located.

⁶ Contact details to reach the senior officer in charge of this agreement and of its possible updates.

Mobility numbers per academic year

The partners agree to update the mobility data, whenever possible, by no later than the end of January in the preceding academic year formally via an amendment of the inter-institutional agreement. The partners agree to accept informal communication means (e.g. exchanges of emails as written proof). In case of later updates in the mobility data, the partners can also agree to accept informal communication means (e.g. exchanges of emails as written proof).

Number of student and staff mobility periods

FROM			Field of Level of	Number of mobility periods				
[Erasmus code or city of the sending institution]	[Erasmus code or city of the receiving institution]	education [ISCED] ⁷ (optional)	education - clarification (optional)	education [EQF] (optional)	Student Mobility [Total number of students]	Student Mobility [Total number of months]	Staff Mobility [Total number of staff]	Staff Mobility [Total number of days]
CZ OSTRAVA 02	Ilia State University	0310			1	3	2	10
Ilia State University	CZ OSTRAVA 02	0310			5	20	3	15

Optional additional information

e.g. blended mobility, etc.

The number and/or duration of mobilities may be changed on the basis of mutual written consent (in the form of an email, meeting minutes, etc.) following the findings of the project progress monitoring.

 $^{^7 \, \}underline{\text{https://circabc.europa.eu/sd/a/286ebac6-aa7c-4ada-a42b-ff2cf3a442bf/ISCED-F\%202013\%20-\%20Detailed\%20field\%20descriptions.pdf}$

2. Recommended language skills

The sending institution, following agreement with the receiving institution, is responsible for providing support to its nominated candidates so that they can have the recommended <u>language skills</u> at the start of the mobility period (see also section 5 "Preparation and Support").

Receiving	Field of			Recommended level		
institution [Erasmus code	education (Optional)	of instruction 1	of instruction 2	Student Mobility [Minimum recommended level in at	Staff Mobility [Minimum recommended level in at least	
or city]				least one of the languages: B1]	one of the languages for teaching: B2]	
CZ OSTRAVA02	0310	Czech	English	B1 - English	B2 - English	
Ilia State University		Georgian	English	English B2	B2 English (STT) C1 English (STA)	

For more details on the language of instruction recommendations, see the course catalogue of each institution. The links to the course catalogue are provided in the first section.

⁸ For an easier and consistent understanding of language requirements, it is recommended to use the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR): http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr

3. Partnership arrangements: fees and organisational support funds

In accordance with the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education, partners commit to charge no additional fees to students:

- In connection with the organisation or administration of their Erasmus+ credit mobility period at their institution. Any violation to this rule by the partners shall be brought to the attention of the National Agency and may lead to the termination of the participation in the project linked to this inter-institutional agreement, if no corrective measures are taken.
- For tuition, registration, examinations or access to laboratory and library facilities. Nevertheless, they may be charged small fees on the same basis as local students for costs such as insurance, student unions and the use of miscellaneous material.

This section below is mandatory/applicable only for KA171. Repartition of the granted organisational support (OS) between the partners is strongly recommended, but not mandatory:

OS Use and Repartition	Priority Objectives
Organisational support will be distributed according to the involvement of partners. University of Ostrava will contribute to	Selection of students, staff arrangements and promotion of mobilities.
organisational costs based on the number of eligible mobilities carried out during the project.	Linguistic and intercultural preparation provided to both incoming and outbound students and staff; facilitating the integration of incoming mobile participants in the HEI.
	Providing information and assistance to students and staff; ensuring efficient mentoring and supervision arrangements of mobile participants.
	Dissemination of the project results.
	Promoting and managing the participation of individuals with fewer opportunities; identifying and promoting civic, engagement activities and monitoring participation in such activities.

4. Outreach and Selection of participants: calendar, application procedure and requirements

- Partners commit to doing outreach to participants with fewer opportunities to encourage their participation in the Programme and, where needed, agree on a common strategy to meet indicative inclusion targets.
- Partners commit to running selection procedures for mobility activities that are fair, transparent and documented, ensuring
 equal opportunities to participants eligible for mobility. The calls for applications must be public and an appeal procedure
 must be in place. Under no circumstances, shall applicants and selected participants incur any costs during application and
 selection procedures.
- In the case of student mobility, partners will ensure that other elements beyond academic merit are taken into account to ensure participation of students with fewer opportunities. Selection criteria and procedures must be clearly communicated in the call for applications.

Applications/information on nominated students must reach the receiving institution by:

Receiving institution [Erasmus code or city]	Term duration	Deadline ⁹
	Winter Term: from late September to early February	Deadline for nominations: 15th of May
CZ OSTRAVA02	Spring Term: from mid-February to late June	Deadline for nominations: 15th of October
Ilia State University	Winter Term: from the end of September to mid-February	Deadline for nominations: 31st of May
	Spring Term: from early March to mid-July	Deadline for nominations: 30th of November

The receiving institution will send its decision within [x] weeks and no later than 5 weeks.

The partners commit to have a fair, transparent, coherent and documented application and selection procedure outlined in their respective websites and regularly updated, together with the contact details of the relevant department:

⁹ Please specify the deadline for each term and, if necessary, adapt to a trimester system.

Application procedure		
Receiving Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email)	Website for information
CZ OSTRAVA02	marketa.kopecka@osu.cz	https://www.osu.eu/erasmus-plus/
Ilia State University	erasmusplus@iliauni.edu.ge +995 322 22 00 09 (367 ext.)	https://iliauni.edu.ge/en/international/study- options/exchange-programs/applying-for-exchange- studies

Academic and additi	Academic and additional requirements						
Requirement	Details	Website for information (optional)					
Academic requirements	CZ OSTRAVA02: Students need to take at least 20 ECTS out of which 80% needs to be within the 031 field.	https://iliauni.edu.ge/uploads/other/53/53081.pdf					
	Ilia State University: Minimum 60 ECTS credits (1 year of studies) completed on an undergraduate level						
CV	CZ OSTRAVA02: CV in English Ilia State University: CV together with Motivation and Recommendation letters will be evaluated at an interview stage (20/100 points)	https://iliauni.edu.ge/uploads/other/53/53081.pdf					
Motivation letter	CZ OSTRAVA02: Motivation letter in English Ilia State University: See above	https://iliauni.edu.ge/uploads/other/53/53081.pdf					

For KA171: Inclusion measures ¹⁰	CZ OSTRAVA02: Participants with fewer opportunities (according to the Erasmus+ Programme Guide) will be targeted. Detailed inclusion measures regarding the selection process will be specified in a separate document. Ilia State University: If the applicants have the same final assessment, the preference will be given to the student with socio-economic and/or health problems.	https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/erasmus- programme-guide
Other		

5. Preparation and support

The higher education institution(s) in an EU Member State or associated third country commit(s) to:

- Ensure that students are aware of their rights and obligations as defined in the *Erasmus+ Student Charter*¹¹.
- Arrange travels or provide a pre-financing of the grant to **reduce the costs that participants need to cover upfront**, to the extent possible.

All involved higher education institutions commit to the following preparation and support measures. Information and assistance can be provided by the contact points and information sources in the table below:

¹⁰ You may find the implementation guidelines of the **Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Inclusion and Diversity Strategy** here: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/implementation-guidelines-erasmus-and-european-solidarity-corps-inclusion-and-diversity_en

¹¹ The Erasmus+ Student Charter is available here: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/student-charter en

- The receiving institution will guide incoming mobile participants in finding **accommodation**, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education. It is considered best practice to use the individual grant to pay for the deposit of dormitories.
- Ensure that outgoing mobile participants are well prepared for their activities abroad, including blended mobility, by undertaking activities to achieve the necessary level of **linguistic proficiency** and develop their **intercultural competences**.
- Provide assistance related to obtaining **visas**, when required, for incoming and outgoing mobile participants, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education and, if needed, use project funds in the most inclusive way to cover related costs partially or in full.

- Provide assistance related to obtaining **insurance**, when required, for incoming and outgoing mobile participants, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education and use project funds in the most inclusive way to cover related costs partially or in full. The receiving institution will inform mobile participants of cases in which insurance cover is not automatically provided.
- The receiving institution will inform about the existence of relevant infrastructure and provide support to incoming participants with fewer opportunities.
- Provide appropriate mentoring and support arrangements for mobile participants, including for those pursuing blended mobility, as well as **integrate incoming mobile participants** into the wider student community and in the Institution's everyday life.
- Provide participants with their **grant as soon as possible upon arrival**, including if necessary a first payment using cash, check or similar to avoid delays linked to opening a bank account.
- The institutions commit to encourage participants to act as **ambassadors of the Erasmus+ Programme** and share their mobility experience, e.g. by providing information about the existence of Erasmus+ alumni networks, inviting former participants in promotion activities, etc.

Preparatory & support measures	Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information & arrangements	
Accommodation	CZ OSTRAVA02	accommodation@osu.cz	https://www.osu.eu/accommodation/	
Visa	CZ OSTRAVA02	Marketa.kopecka@osu.cz	https://www.osu.eu/visa-and-health-insurance/	
Insurance	CZ OSTRAVA02	Marketa.kopecka@osu.cz	https://www.osu.eu/visa-and-health-insurance/	

Inclusion of	CZ OSTRAVA02	Katerina.zvakova@osu.cz	e.g. available infrastructure for:
participants with fewer opportunities			Reduced mobility or hearing/visual impairments,
	i		students/staff with children, etc.
			https://www.osu.eu/students-with-special-needs/
Grant payments	CZ OSTRAVA02	Marketa.kopecka@osu.cz	
Accommodation	Ilia State University	erasmusplus@iliauni.edu.ge +995 322 22 00 09	Ilia State University does not have a student dormitory, however, visiting students and staff will receive guidance and support from IRO in finding housing options according to their preferences.
Visa	Ilia State University	erasmusplus@iliauni.edu.ge +995 322 22 00 09	EU citizens/permanent residency holders are free to enter and stay in Georgia for up to 1 year without a Visa, hence, most Erasmus+ incoming beneficiaries do not have to obtain Visa. In case the Visa is mandatory, IRO representative will assist students in the application process.
Insurance	Ilia State University	erasmusplus@iliauni.edu.ge +995 322 22 00 09	Incoming students can take an insurance policy in their country of residence. If not, International Relations Office of ISU will recommend the Georgian insurance companies.
Inclusion of participants with fewer opportunities	Ilia State University	erasmusplus@iliauni.edu.ge +995 322 22 00 09	At the moment, the infrastructure is partially adapted for students with fewer opportunities, some buildings are already equipped accordingly, and some are in the process.
Other	Ì		

6. Recognition

Institutions commit to:

- Ensure recognition for activities satisfactorily completed. [Please specify the recognition tools that will be used, <u>e.g.</u> the <u>European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System.</u>]
- Ensure that student and staff mobility for education or training purposes is based on a learning agreement for students and a mobility agreement for staff validated in advance between the sending and receiving institutions or non-academic organisations and the mobile participants.
- Accept all activities indicated in the learning agreement, or according to the learning outcomes of the modules completed abroad, as automatically counting towards the degree, provided these have been satisfactorily completed by the mobile student.
- Partners commit to taking measures to ensure recognition of student and staff mobility upon their return, including:
 - o Providing incoming mobile students and their sending institutions with free-of-charge transcripts. The documents must be in English or in the language of the sending institution and containing a full, accurate and timely record of the achievements at the end of the mobility period.
 - o A Transcript of Records will be issued by the receiving institution no later than [5] weeks after the assessment period has finished at the receiving HEI.
 - o Providing students on traineeships and staff with a certificate for the activities completed. It is recommended to issue a certificate towards the end of the mobility period.

7. Grading systems of the institutions

It is recommended that receiving institutions provide the statistical distribution of grades or make the information available through <u>EGRACONS</u> according to the descriptions in the <u>ECTS users' guide¹²</u>. The table will facilitate the interpretation of each grade awarded to students and will facilitate the credit transfer by the sending institution.

Institution [Erasmus code or city]	EGRACONS [If applicable]	Website for information	
CZ OSTRAVA02		https://www.osu.eu/grading-system/	
Ilia State University		https://iliauni.edu.ge/en/international/study-options/exchange- programs/course-catalog	

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Points	Letter Grade ECTS Scale	Numerical Scale	Verbal Grade	Course Requirements Met – "Zápočet"
91 - 100	Α	1	Excellent	Pass – "Započteno"
81 - 90	В	1.5	Very good plus	
71 – 80	С	2	Very good	
61 - 70	D	2.5	Good plus	
51 - 60	Е	3	Good	
0 - 50	F	4	Fail	Fail – "Nezapočteno"

¹² The ECTS user's guide is available here: https://ec.europa.eu/education/resources-and-tools/document-library/ects-users-guide_en

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Paints	etter Grade	Verbal Grade		
	ECTS Scale			
91 – 100	Α	Excellent		
81 - 90	В	Very good		
71 - 80	С	Good		
61 - 70	D	Satisfactory		
51 - 60	E	Sufficient		
41-50	FX	Insufficient/failure with the right to retake the final exam		
0 - 40	F	Insufficient/failure without the right to retake the final exam		

8. Any other information regarding the terms of the agreement (optional)

UO is obliged entity pursuant to Act No. 340/2015 Coll., Act on the Register of Contracts (hereinafter the "Act on the Register of Contracts"). The other Contracting Party acknowledges and expressly agrees that this Agreement in full is subject to publication in the Register of Contracts (information system of public administration, administered by the Ministry of the Interior). UO undertakes to publish this Agreement in compliance with the provisions of the respective Act on the Register of Contracts. This Agreement shall come into force upon signature by both parties and become effective on the date of its publication in the Register of Contracts at the earliest. About this fact, UO is required to notify the other Contracting Party.

9. Termination of the agreement

Either party can terminate the agreement by informing the other party expressly in writing. In case of a unilateral termination of the agreement, a notice of at least once academic year should be given. This means that a unilateral decision to discontinue the exchanges notified to the other party by 1 September 2026 will only take effect as of 1 September 2026 +1. Neither the European Commission nor the National Agencies can be held responsible in case of a conflict.

SIGNATURES OF THE INSTITUTIONS (legal representatives)

Institution [Erasmus code or name and city]	Name, function	Date	Signature ¹³
CZ OSTRAVA02	Associate prof. Petr Kopecký Rector	- 1. 02. 2024	OSTRAVSKÁ UNIVERZITA Rektorát Dverátkova 7 / 701 03 Ostrava VERZITÁ
Ilia State University	Prof. Nino Doborjginidze, Rector	7.02.2024	USOSEBENBA V.P. STATE UNI
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¹³ Scanned copies of signatures or digital signatures may be accepted depending on the national legislation